MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Magistrate says that there were one or two. The member may take it that it is not less than two.

Statement, by caste, of Assistant Commissioners and Inspectors of the Excise Department.

208. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of Assistant Excise Commissioners and Inspectors of the Excise Department, existing on 15-8-1107; and

(*b*) their castes and the number belonging to each caste, Christians being classified as Jacobites, Anglicans, Mar Thomites, Roman catholics and Protestants?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement * containing the information required is laid on the table.

Award of grant to the vishavaidyasala conducted by one Mr. Raman Nayar, Kartikapalli taluk.

209. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the inhabitants of the Cheppad, Keerikad, Mutukulam Chingoli, Nangiarkulangara, Pallippad and Valiakuzhi pakuthies, praying that one Mr. Raman Nayar, a *vishavaidyan* rendering public service, may be encouraged in the conduct of his *vishavaidyasala* by giving him a grant; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The memorial is under enquiry by the Inspector of Ayurveda.

Circular prohibiting marriage of mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses of Schools.

210. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any circular or rule to the effect that mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses of Schools should be unmarried?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Appointment of qualified ladies in the Medical Department.

211. **MRS. ANNA CHANDI** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many qualified ladies (L. M. P.'s. and M. B. B. S.'s.) have applied for posts in the Medical Department during the last five years;

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